



MAKING PRINTS

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Brockman, 855th Military Police Company, Arizona National Guard, takes the fingerprints of 2 year old Elizabeth Hobbs, seated on her mother, Kristen's, lap during the Villaggio Playgroup meeting at the Youth Services center June 6. Brockman's unit is here for their annual two-week training, supporting the 13th MPs. Some adult playgroup participants created identification kits for their children. The children's fingerprints were taken by the MPs and pictures by the playgroup sponsors. ID kits will be made again on June 27 for those interested.

The Villaggio Playgroup, sponsored by the Parent Support Program and Educational and Developmental Intervention Services, is promoting safety issues during the month of June. Tomorrow a visit by firemen from the post fire department is scheduled. The Villaggio Playgroup meets Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Parents with children up to 6 years of age are invited to attend. For more information contact Linda Collier, PSP, 634-7567 or Wendy Smith, EDIS, 634-7471. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook)

New commander for 14th Trans Bn

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For Lt. Col. Ray Josey, leaving the 14th Transportation Battalion won't be easy.

Even though he's scheduled to relinquish command of the battalion to Lt. Col. Dennis Harber during a change of command ceremony Friday, Josey is still neck-deep in the daily rigors of running a battalion with troops scattered all over Europe.

"At any given time, twenty to forty percent of the battalion's troops are deployed," said Josey. From Kosovo to Bulgaria, deployments are simply a part of life in the 14th Transportation Battalion.

"This assignment brought us lots of real-world deployments," he said. "It's given me and the young soldiers of the battalion a chance to experience real-world exercises."

While the battalion is located in Vicenza, Josey says only 30 percent of the work his unit does is for SETAF. "The rest of our job is providing support for units and exercises all over the area South of the Alps.

Even though his troops are scattered over a wide area, Josey said he never worried about his troops performing their mission. "There's no doubt in my mind that these young soldiers will advance in their careers," he said. "They just did a superb job, especially the NCOs. Their success helped to make me a successful commander."

Josey began his Army career in 1981 after receiving his commission through the ROTC program at Prairie View A&M University in Texas. He was previously assigned to units at Fort Campbell, Ky., Fort Hood, Texas, Fort George G. Meade, Md. and in Germany and Japan.

Harber takes command of the unit after serving with the United States Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base in Ill.

He began his career in 1983 after receiving his commission from the University of North Dakota. He was assigned to units at Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Lee, Va. His overseas tours include assignments in Korea and Germany. In addition, Harber served for two years with the Military Traffic Management Command in New Orleans, La.

Josey believes his unit will be able to make a seamless transition between the two commanders. "(Harber) is coming in with a sound foundation. This organization has come a long way, thanks to its soldiers and their leaders."



Lt. Col. Dennis Harber, 14th Transportation Battalion's incoming commander.

Dental clinic opens doors with pay patient program

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Soldiers aren't the only ones going under the drill at the Vicenza Dental Clinic. Just about anyone working on Caserma Ederle is eligible to take advantage of the clinic's pay patient program.

"It's not a new policy," said Vicenza Dental Clinic Executive Officer David Dinges. "We put it into effect a while ago because we were having a hard time filling chairs."

Now people working at the school, AAFES, NATO or contract workers can receive dental care for a fee, Dinges added,

in addition to the soldiers and family members who already receive care.

While the service isn't free, the prices are quite low when compared to civilian dentists. "Each procedure has a weight," said Sgt. Leroy Bowers, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge at the clinic.

The clinic's staff uses a chart listing each procedure with a numerical value, or 'weight.' When calculating the cost of a patient's visit, the staff takes the weight of the procedures that were performed and uses a formula to determine the price.

"The process is very user-friendly and the prices are very low," said Bowers.

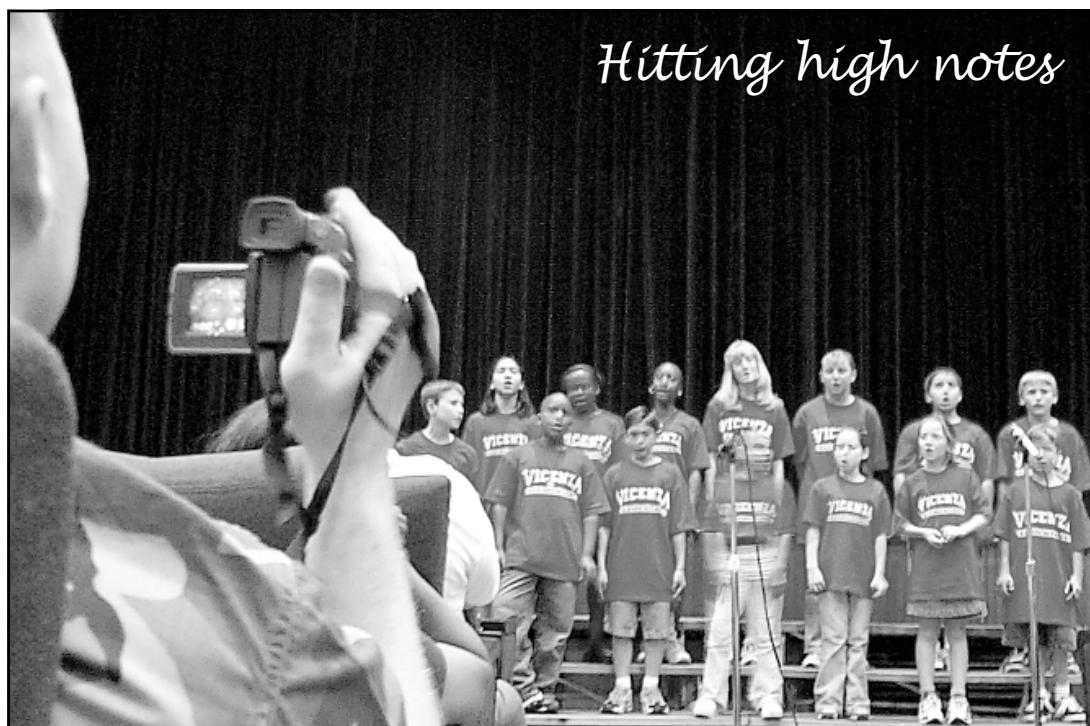
Scheduling for the pay appointments is slightly more complex.

Since active military and family members have priority, pay patients can't make appointments. However, they are welcome to walk in and take advantage of a missed appointment, as long as there are no soldiers, family members or retirees that can fill the chair.

The dental clinic staff takes the names and phone numbers of potential pay patients, just in case another opening becomes available later.

"We can't guarantee that you'll get a phone call," said Dinges, "but if an appointment becomes available, and you're able to make it to the clinic in five minutes, we can accommodate you."

For more information about the clinic's pay patient program call 634-7272.



Staff Sgt. Jeff Cooperrider, 28th Transportation Platoon, videos the Vicenza Elementary Choir performance at the Post Theater, June 5. 3rd-5th grade students presented a program including a variety of music from Broadway musical shows and a short narration to tie the music together. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook)

Correction: In the June 5 Outlook top story, "Ceremony Offers Time of Reflection," the first carillon was installed at Arlington National Cemetery and dedicated by President Harry S. Truman on Dec. 21, 1949, not in 1942.

